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AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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KUWAIT POUCH BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EGEN, PFOR, QA

SUBJ: US CONTACTS WITH BOYCOTT AUTHORITIES

REF: STATE 298989, KUWAIT 5209, BAGHDAD 1282

1. AS APPEARS TO BE CASE IN MOST OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES, QATAR'S  
BOYCOTT OFFICE HAS LITTLE IF ANY, INFLUENCE ON GOQ DECISIONS  
RE IMPLEMENTATION OF BOYCOTT. OFFICE IS HEADED BY MIDDLE LEVEL  
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OFFICIAL FROM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMY WHOSE ROLE IS

ESSENTIALLY ADMINISTRATIVE. AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY,  
GOQ TAKES BOYCOTT SERIOUSLY AND OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED EXCEPTIONS  
TO CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE RULINGS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.  
DECISIONS ON BOYCOTT MATTERS ARE TAKEN BY AMIR HIMSELF AND  
ANY SUBSTANTIVE USG APPROACH WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AT THAT  
LEVEL.

2. WHILE IT IS OUR ASSESSMENT THAT LITTLE IS TO BE GAINED  
HERE FROM DIRECT CONTACTS WITH BOYCOTT OFFICE, WE WISH TO MAKE  
CLEAR THAT THIS IS PRACTICAL RATHER THAN POLICY CONSIDERATION.  
IT APPEARS TO US THAT USG POLICY OF PROHIBITING CONTACTS WITH  
LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICES MAY BE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT OFFICES  
ARE MERELY EXTENSIONS OF CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE RATHER THAN  
INTEGRAL PARTS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS THEMSELVES. QATAR OBSERVED  
PARTIAL BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL BEFORE CONTRAL OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED  
AND OFFICE HERE IS FULLY INTEGRATED DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF  
COMMERCE AND ECONOMY. IN OUR OPINION, REFUSAL ON GROUNDS OF POLICY  
TO HAVE ANY  
DEALINGS WITH LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICES IS LOGICALLY  
THE SAME AS SAYING WE WILL HAVE NO CONTACTS WITH MINISTRIES OF  
PETROLEUM IN OPEC COUNTRIES BECAUSE WE ARE AT ODDS WITH OPEC  
PRICING POLICIES. WE SUPPORT POSITION IN MANAMA 1451 THAT POSTS  
SHOULD BE FREE TO DECIDE ON COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BASIS WHPHH  
OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE CONTACTED ON BOYCOTT ISSUES.  
IN CASE OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS QATAR WHERE IT APPEARS UNLIKELY  
THAT ANY SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS COULD BE ATTAINED BY APPROACH TO  
BOYCOTT OFFICE, IT MIGHT BE TO OUR BENEFIT TO MAKE OCCASIONAL  
CONTACTS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES; I.E., TO DETERMINE ON  
FIRST HAND BASIS HOW BOYCOTT IS STRUCTURED AND IMPLEMENTED IN  
INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT BOYCOTTS  
SELDOM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. WE BELIEVE THE SAME CAN BE SAID  
ABOUT BOYCOTTS OF BOYCOTTS AND SUBMIT THAT IT IS TIME TO INCREASE  
OUR AWARENESS OF AND EFFORTS TO MITIGATE BOYCOTT.

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